

26. (Once Amended) The mixer system of claim 24 wherein said bowl includes an upper edge, and wherein protrusion is located adjacent to said upper edge.

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27. (Once Amended) The mixer system of claim 34 further including a drive for raising and lowering said bowl relative to said rotatable output component and a control unit for receiving an output of said sensor and responsively preventing said bowl from being raised when said bowl is not in said closed position.

✓ 28. (Once Amended) The mixer system of claim 34 further including a control unit for receiving an output of said sensor and responsively preventing said motor from driving said rotatable output component when said bowl is not in said closed position.

31. (Once Amended) A mixer bowl system comprising:

a bowl body; and
a bracket arrangement extending from bowl body, said bracket arrangement defining at least a first opening and a second opening, the first opening being vertically spaced from said second opening and aligned therewith to define a pivot axis.

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32. (Once Amended) The mixer bowl system of claim 31 where said bracket arrangement is defined by first bracket coupled to and extending from said bowl body and having said first opening and a second bracket coupled to and extending from said bowl body and having said second opening.

33. (Once Amended) The mixer bowl of system claim 31 wherein said bracket arrangement is defined by a single bracket which is coupled to and extends from said bowl body and defines both said first opening and said second opening.

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Add the following new claims 34-40.

--34. A mixer system comprising:
a bowl for receiving a material to be mixed;
a mixer body having a rotatable output component;
a hinge, said bowl pivoting about said hinge relative to said mixer body when said bowl is moved between a loading/unloading position relative to said mixer body and a closed position relative to said mixer body; and
a sensor for detecting when said bowl is in said closed position.--

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--35. The mixer system of claim 34 wherein said hinge supports said bowl during said pivoting such that an orientation of an axis of said bowl relative to said mixer body remains substantially the same during said pivoting.--

--36. The mixer system of claim 34 wherein said hinge is formed by a combination of a portion of said bowl and a portion of said mixer body.--

--37. The mixer system of claim 36 wherein said portion of said bowl comprises at least one bracket having at least one opening therein and said portion of said mixer body comprises at least one pin received in said opening of said bracket.--

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--38. The mixer bowl system of claim 31, further comprising a locking bracket coupled to and extending from said bowl body on a side of said bowl opposite said bracket arrangement.--

--39. The mixer bowl system of claim 38 further comprising a protrusion extending from said bowl body and spaced between said bracket arrangement and said locking bracket.--